

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated March 18, 2010.

Claims 22, 30, and 36 are amended, claim 35 is cancelled, and no new claims are added; as a result, claims 22-34 and 36 are now pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claims 22 and 30 were objected to. Claim 22 appears to be correctly written, and claim 30 is amended to correct the word “that” to “than” as suggested in the Office Action.

The Rejection of Claims Under § 103

Claims 22-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silfvast et al. (US PAT. 5524060) in view of Kuhn et al. (US PAT. 6414960).

Although applicant believes these claims as previously pending were allowable over the prior art as explained in the last Amendment and Response, claim amendments made in view of allowed claims, as more fully described below, render such arguments moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 35 and 36 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 35 has been cancelled, and its limitations incorporated into independent claim 30. Claims 30-34 and 36 are therefore in condition for allowance.

The limitations found to be allowable in claim 35 have also been incorporated into independent claim 22. As these limitations have already been found to be allowable over the prior art in the preceding Office Action, allowance of claim 22 and its dependents 23-29 is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

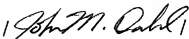
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (612) 349-9581 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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